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CHICAGO FASHION ITEM: "There have been twenty-two murders in this city since the 1st of January. Last year there were thirty-six."

IT IS NOW STATED that the gentlemen who marched into the great hereafter with the assistance of Billy, the Kid, numbered only eleven, instead of twenty-one. Sheriff Garrett was perhaps, unduly severe in shooting the Kid.

THE Arlington tunnel meets the imperial approval of Francis Joseph, as it is expected to make a short cut by which Austrian grain can be run into the markets of Western Europe as a competition to the American products.

WE SEE THAT THE REPORT is denied that Postmaster-General James is to leave the Cabinet and to take the presidency of a Vanderbilt Loan and Trust Company.

Perhaps this great man has saved so much that he can act as a loan company on his own account. Gibson should be promptly relieved in case of distress, on long time.

IT IS VERY gratifying to learn that the Prince of Wales can enjoy with a quiet mind his next little dinner on his yacht at Osborne. A rumor has been circulating lately that he had been notified that the Fenians were watching to add a dessert to his princely deserts, but the story is now contradicted and pronounced mere gammon.

A RECENT HOTEL improvement resembles a dial plate appended to the wall of the bedroom. Little knobs are ranged upon it labeled towels, water, blankets, etc., expressing the ordinary wants of a traveler, and upon touching any one of these knobs the same word instantly appears in the office of the house, whence a servant can be immediately dispatched with the necessary supplies. The invention will prove a great economy of time and temper to the much moving public.

THE WORDS OF THE GREAT silent men of history, solemn and few, are listened to with reverential respect. Sitting Bull has heretofore ranged himself with this very select circle of the sagely silent; but he has now pronounced, with imposing wisdom, that his words are worth dollars, and appears to be very liberal in the amount he will furnish for ten of them. It is to the American Eagle that the mighty warrior capitulates, but it is the golden one that solidly represents the value of a ten-dollar bill.

THE St. Paul Pioneer-Press vividly remarks that "the aspect of affairs in at least two of the Southern States is most encouraging. Issues have been allowed to arrive in Virginia and North Carolina which make it no longer the paramount duty to see that the white man's party rules." We presume allusion is made to the debt question in Virginia and the prohibition question in North Carolina. The colored vote, in the first case, advances the cause of morality by voting to repudiate, and in the second, by voting for free liquor—the freest that can be had. But the white man can still be seen above the wreck.

AMONG THE REMINISCENCES of summer travel must be placed the unfailing patience of the railway conductor. He not only makes his regular periodic public announcements in which everybody is told everything that they can possibly need to know, but he immediately and generally, with a smiling face, proceeds to repeat that announcement over and over again for the special comfort of the numerous individual passengers, who privately and confidentially explain to him just where they are going, and insist on minute directions suited to their special cases, attested by his solemn asseveration upon his personal word of honor.

IN A PROMINENT PLACE on its editorial page the Charleston News and Courier has the following: "To whom it may concern. Letter received. Be there as proposed, 'rain or shine,' and the appointment will be kept. Full justice will be done all concerned, but for obvious reasons no further publication than this can be made until after Wednesday."

This is all the advance notice we have of the impending duel. It is not even told whose gods is liable to flow. Wade Hampton should "send his address" without delay, and provide himself with a rubber overcoat in case of a storm. We pause with breathless interest for the next gale that sweeps from the South.

IN COMMENTING on Bull Run Russell's letters, wherein he complains of the carrying of weapons in this country, the New Orleans Democrat remarks:

There is one assertion in it, however, that is correct, and which deserves the consideration of the Northern papers as showing the views of an unprejudiced observer, and this is his declaration that the evils of which he complains are just as common North as South of Mason and Dixon's line, and that the attempt of certain Republican papers to convince the world that life in the South is attended with dangers of violence and murder is absurd, as he (Russell) could find no difference between the two sections in point of carrying and using pistols.

If our friend Davies is not too remote and inaccessible we trust he will at once prepare a speech in reply. There are symptoms of the old insurrectionary spirit in this remark.

ONE of the most efficient officers the Government has had abroad is Mr. Alfred E. Lee, who served four years as consul at Frankfurt-on-the-Main. He was appointed to fill a vacancy caused by death. He found the office in a deplorable condition, and put it into a state of order and efficiency. He acquired the languages, familiarized himself with the country, and established pleasant social relations with the people, and ranked high at the State Department. This efficient and useful officer was superseded without cause and without notice, merely, as we are bound to believe, to make room for another. If the talk about civil-service reform is not all bluff, such a blunder as that in the case of Mr. Lee should not be repeated—Cincinnati Gazette.

All people who entertained doubts can dispose of them without further notice. The Gazette is an official organ on party matters.

## NOT MANY DAYS AGO there died, over in London, a quiet old man by the name of Neilson.

He had been for fifty years, consecutively, on the staff of the London Times, the richest and most powerful paper in the world, with the single exception of THE CRITIC. It was his particular business to watch the public career of the late Earl of Beaconsfield; and, for thirty years, Mr. Neilson never went to bed at night without discovering the respirations and aspirations of this defunct statesman. When Disraeli came into power he wanted to reward his faithful servant on the press, and offered him a pension of \$1,000 a year out of the literary fund. For the sake of appearances he might have doubled the amount, but let it go at that. The Times refused to allow Mr. Neilson to accept of the donation on the principle that its staff members must not be encumbered with public duties, but it kindly condescended to add \$250 a year to his salary. This royal increase, with close economy on the part of Mr. Neilson, would possibly have enabled him to meet the expenses of cab-fare as he chased the great Disraeli from pillar to post of London town in quest of news for his paper; but, if he had a shilling left at the end of the year for his own personal outlay, he was doing well. This will apply to the "crowds of journalism." Here was a man evidently upright and conscientious and able in the discharge of his duties, who served as journalist, conscience-keeper for thirty years, for one of the greatest men in England and the power behind the throne. He was thus the possessor of secrets far in advance of publication, and the publication of which prematurely would have compromised the Crown and Disraeli. His reward was confined principally to the great hereafter. We trust that young gentlemen meditating journalism will pause and reflect. There is no difference between this country and England.

A PARIS CORRESPONDENT of the Brooklyn Eagle states the interesting fact that "one of the curious laws of the city of Paris, which at first seems very unjust, is that in relation to fires. The law here says that in case of a fire originating (through carelessness or otherwise) on your premises you are responsible for all damage done by the fire to your neighbors. One would naturally think that with this law in force there would be but few property holders. However, it is not so bad as one might think. The difficulty is easily overcome. The consequences of the law are that one insures not only his own house, but also that of his neighbors. You are perfectly safe in so doing. Should a fire start in your neighbor's house and destroy yours, your neighbor is responsible. On the other hand should a fire which originated in your house destroy your neighbor's property, as you have insured his house you lose nothing. This law is so universally kept that I presume ninety-nine out of every one hundred insure against fire in their neighborhood houses. A serious fire here is an extremely rare occurrence, so that insurance rates are very low, and the companies do a profitable business. This is one reason why foreign companies can come to the United States and compete with our home insurance companies so successfully; their profits here paying their American losses."

**Broad Enough for Everybody.**  
Bookmaker, the Democratic candidate for governor in Ohio, in his letter of acceptance, plants himself squarely on the broad platform of the millennium, but he is a little vague as to just what he means. He makes a broad bow all around and announces that he is in favor of the "highest degree of prosperity" for the manufacturer, "the highest degree of compensation" for the laborer and the "permanence and prosperity of all." This ought to suit everybody.

**Horrors on Horrors' Head.**  
Dr. Tanner, the great faster, registered his diploma with the prothonotary of Erie to-day. He is drawing up propositions to the medical faculty of New York to fast three months. He stated to a reporter to-day that he can fast ninety-five days if fed on electricity, the air in his room to be charged with a strong current. This being positive, he can obtain a negative element from the disintegration of his tissue. He is a fastening for a fast, as plenty of adipose is necessary.

**The Ohio Idea.**  
Scene in Ohio between two tramps: "I say, Bill, we'll go into this town and you stand up in some bar-room and say that you wish to die, to die, to die, to die, to die, and then I'll be arrested and fined. The Cincinnati Commercial will raise a purse of \$1,000 for me and I'll divide with you." They move off toward the town, it being agreed that Bill, who is to have his mouth shipped, and who naturally has the worst of it, is to receive 60 per cent. of the Commercial collection.

**What Prohibition Does.**  
The quality of the liquor sold in Maine is reduced by prohibition more than the quantity. The average Maine rum would take the hair off of a dog's back, and young men who have never seen any other kind easily believe that it is "liquid damnation," which it is to a good many of them.

**Important Correction.**  
Buffalo Express.  
Nearly every paper in the country has published the fact that an old citizen of Buffalo, recently deceased, bequeathed \$60,000 to sundry benevolent institutions, but not a single edition of the paper, save the Express alone excepted, has printed the equally important fact that he left no money with which to pay the bequests.

**Trade in St. Louis.**  
Post-Dispatch.  
The Republican refers to this journal as "a dyspeptic critic." If they would turn off some of their delirium tremens down there for a little dyspepsia they might elevate the intellectual tone of their paper somewhat.

**Items from the Dead.**  
Brooklyn Eagle.  
The Long Island fishermen report that the deadest fishes down their way are the crabs that were frozen last winter. The good people of Maine report that the dearest thing up their way is the late Hon. William Almon Wheeler.

**Returning Health.**  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch.  
Strawberries are now being imported from Canada for the benefit of the President. His appetite is quite robust, and he will soon be able to take a daily installment of Dr. Agnew's exuberant jokes.

**A Change.**  
St. Paul Globe.  
It was the current gibe at the time of Platt's election that New York had two votes, but only one Senator. The accusation was true. It is now equally true that New York has two votes but no Senator.

**Those Willy Reporters.**  
Cincinnati Commercial.  
Dr. Bliss undertook to rebuke a swarm of reporters yesterday, and the first thing he knew he was cross-examined as to the condition of the President.

**A Simple Process.**  
Atlanta Constitution.  
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